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\$100,000 Offered For Proof of Taps In Hoffa's Trials

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)

An attorney for James R. Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, announced today a \$100,000 reward for any proof of the use of wiretaps or eavesdropping in Hoffa's jury-tampering prosecution.

William E. Bufalino, the attorney, said the reward was being offered by the "Friends of James R. Hoffa Committee," of which Mr. Bufalino is a member.

The Supreme Court on Monday upheld Hoffa's jury tampering conviction in 1964, which carried an eight-year prison sentence.

Mr. Bufalino said:

"The public admissions now being made by former Attorney General Robert Kennedy and F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover tend to confirm what Mr. Hoffa's attorneys have always suspected and contended in court, namely, that there was intrusion on confidential communications, use of wiretaps and listening devices by Federal officers and agents in their attempts to gather evidence against Mr. Hoffa."

Mr. Bufalino said Mr. Hoover's comments in his dispute with Mr. Kennedy over authorization of wiretaps indicated that such devices and eavesdropping devices "were intensified in major criminal cases beginning in 1961" and covered the period of three Hoffa trials.

Hoffa was tried in Nashville, Tenn., in 1962 on a charge of accepting illegal payments. The trial ended with a hung jury. His jury tampering conviction in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1964, grew out of the Nashville case.